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Section 16 basically closes a loophole for dog training area, and I know that Senator Synowiecki would like to add an amendment to that and that is a friendly amendment. Section 17 allows the commission to establish a paddlefish permits with a \$5 application fee. Permits are drawn for and issued without cost. This is a change and it is a new fee. Right now, if you apply to...if you apply for a paddlefish permit, they are filling about 50 percent of those permits. What will happen here is probably people will start applying every other year with a \$5 fee, but if you got the permit the year before your chances of getting a permit the next year is probably pretty slim. Paddlefish are a very sought after fish. They are snagged instead of using bait. Typically, a paddlefish will weigh 30 to 40 pounds and they have exceeded a hundred pounds. Section 18 is 90...LB 902, which was heard and amended in the committee. Senator Pederson may want to comment on this, but this is the red paint marking. If a farmer or landowner wants to post...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...their bill or post their land for nonhunting, they can put red paint on a tree or a fence post every hundred yards, and the discussion was what color we should use. A lot of states use purple, but that smacked too much of Kansas State so we're going to...the Game Commission recommended that we use red paint in the state of Nebraska. Sections 19, 20, and 21...or 19 through 24 are basically minor issues dealing with the Niobrara River Council, was agreed upon by the committee. That issue was brought to us by Senator Beutler. I think my time is about up. I'd be glad to answer any questions if you have any, and that would conclude my opening remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendments, Senator Wickersham, AM2781. (Legislative Journal page 660.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open